

Meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts
16 February 1960

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Report on State Department:

Furnishings for reception and dining rooms

Another attempt is being made to get appropriations for
sculpture for the courts and south entrance

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MEMORANDUM MINUTES OF THE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
WASHINGTON, D. C.
16 February 1960

The Commission met, pursuant to notice, at 2:00 PM, with David E. Finley, Chairman, presiding.

Present were: David E. Finley, Chairman
Michael Rapuano
William G. Perry
Felix W. de Weldon
L. R. Wilson, Secretary
Susan E. Bennett, Administrative Asst.
Gilbert E. Halasz, Stenotypist

I. ADMINISTRATION:

1. The date of the next meeting was confirmed for the afternoon of 15 March and the morning of 16 March 1960, with the sessions starting at 3:00 pm and 9:30 am, respectively.

2. The minutes of the December and January meetings were approved.

3. Report on Budget Hearings - House and Senate

The Chairman reported that the subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee for the Interior Department and related agencies noted that the limit for authorization for appropriations had been exceeded and it was not receptive to the Commission's request for \$69,000 for Fiscal Year 1961. The Chairman stated that legislation was pending to effect a change in the limit of authorization, but, in its draft bill, the Committee allowed the Commission only \$42,300, thus eliminating funds for hiring two assistants to help with the Commission work. Accordingly, the Chairman made an appeal to the Senate Committee to restore the funds cut by the House and to allow the full \$69,000 that was requested, and again stressed that legislation was pending to increase the limit of authorization. No report was yet available on the action which the Senate Committee would take.

4. Appointment of Members to Board of Architectural Consultants for the Old Georgetown Act:

The Chairman reported that two members of the previous Georgetown Board (Mr. Walter Macomber and Mr. Henry Saylor) had consented to resume their position on the Board. In order to create a closer cooperation with the District Officials, the Chairman suggested

that the President of the Board of Commissioners be asked to appoint the third member from the Municipal Architect's office, and the Commission approved the Chairman's writing such a letter. EXHIBIT 1

II. SUBMISSIONS:

1. Government of the District of Columbia Department of Licenses and Inspections

a. Building Applications Submitted Under the Shipstead-Luce Act Since 19 January 1960.

The Secretary reported the actions taken, after recommendations of the Shipstead-Luce Panel of Architects, on the Shipstead-Luce Building Applications forwarded for review by the D. C. Department of Licenses and Inspections since 19 January 1960. This report was dated 16 February 1960, and comprised appendix 1 of the order of business. After discussion, the action as noted in appendix 1 was confirmed by the members, and action was taken on the following cases which had been held for their review.

S.L. 2248 - 636 North Capital St., N.W. - Illuminated Sign
S. L. 2250 - 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (Formerly
Evening Star Building) - Alter building for
use as a hotel.

The Secretary was directed to include actions for the above cases, and to forward a copy of appendix 1 officially to the Secretary of the District Commissioners for record. EXHIBIT 2

b. Building Applications Submitted Under the Old-Georgetown Act Since 19 January 1960

The Secretary reported the actions taken on the Old Georgetown Act Applications forwarded for review by the D. C. Department of Licenses and Inspections since 19 January 1960. This report was dated 16 February 1960 and comprised appendix 2 of the order of business. After discussion, action as noted in appendix 2 was taken by the members on the following cases, which had been held for their review:

O.G. 2529 - 3060 M Street, N.W. - Illuminated Sign
O.G. 2530 - 3245 N. Street, N.W. - New 3-story brick dwelling

The Secretary was directed to include action, as noted thereon, for the above cases and to forward a copy of appendix 2 officially, to the Secretary of the District of Columbia Commissioners for record.

EXHIBIT 3

2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, District Engineer
Dalecarlia Reservoir, Addition to Filtration Plant and
Chemical Building

Mr. Voight and Mr. Bayley, representatives of the District Engineer, discussed the revised drawing for the addition to the Filtration Plant and Chemical Building for Dalecarlia Reservoir. This drawing was forwarded to the Commission on 2 February, and incorporated the changes suggested by the Commission of Fine Arts at the meeting in January. The changes were as follows:

a. Elimination of the larger of the two penthouses projecting above the roof of the center tower portion of the proposed chemical building.

b. Elimination of all louvers appearing on the exterior walls of this center tower portion.

c. Modification of the entranceway loggia so that it would not project in front of the main pediment of the east elevation of the building.

d. Incorporation of balustrades consisting of half-balusters backed up by brick in the parapet walls surrounding the high level roof deck of the chemical building.

The revised drawing had been previously reviewed by Mr. Perry, architect member of the Commission, who considered that the Commission's suggestions had been adapted in a very satisfactory way. The drawings were approved as presented. EXHIBIT 4

3. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

a. Oaklahoma City Courthouse - Advice On Selection of Sculptor

The members of the Commission met with Mr. J. Rowland Snyder, Director, Architectural and Structural Division, PBS, and viewed samples of the work of the four sculptors (Bernard Frazier, D.J. Busch, Dick Wiken and Leo Friedlander) who were being considered to do the sculpture in relief on two facades of the Oaklahoma City Courthouse.

After viewing the photographs of work of the four sculptors, the members of the Commission recommended consideration of Mr. Frazier and Mr. Friedlander, with the stipulation that the final choice be made by the architect, Mr. Gumerson. EXHIBIT 5

b. Smithsonian Institution, Museum of History and Technology,
Musucal Instruments Exhibit Room - Advice on Selection of Mural Painter

The members of the Commission conferred with Mr. J. Rowland

Snyder, regarding the selection of an artist for the decoration of the Musical Instruments Room, Smithsonian Institution Museum of History and Technology. The members of the Commission concurred with the choice of Mr. Allyn Cox by the architects, McKim, Mead and White, and by the Smithsonian Institution, after viewing examples of the work of Mr. Cox. They expressed the hope that preliminary sketches for the decoration of this room would be submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts at an early date.

EXHIBIT 6

c. National Library of Medicine, Selection of Artists for Mosaic Panel

Selection of artists for the mosaic panel in the National Library of Medicine had been discussed at the November meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts, at which time the members felt that they could not give advice without viewing samples of the work of the artists under consideration. These samples had now been received and the secretary showed them to the members.

After studying the examples, the members recommended consideration of Mr. Ostuni and Mr. Wildenhain for this work, but they felt that the final choice should be made by the architects, O'Connor and Kilham. The members expressed the hope that preliminary sketches of the mosaic panel would be submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts in an early stage of development.

EXHIBIT 7

4. National Capital Planning Commission
Land Acquisition - Wheatley School Playground

The Chairman's prior approval of the acquisition of land for the Wheatley School Playground was confirmed.

5. Department of State
Sculpture by Marshall Fredericks for South Court

Mr. Rowland Snyder reported that the sculptor had completed his full size clay model for a heroic size figure previously shown at small scale, and he reminded the Commission that a previous commitment had been made to have this model inspected in the sculptor's studio. He said that plans were being made for State Department and General Services Administration representatives to accompany the Commission of Fine Arts representative to Detroit at a mutually agreeable date. The members of the Commission agreed that Mr. de Weldon should be authorized to make this inspection and asked Mr. Snyder to keep the Secretary informed of the plans and the date so that he could inform Mr. de Weldon.

III. LEGISLATION

1. H. J. Res. 543 - Mr. Thompson - To establish a commission to

formulate plans for a living memorial to President Woodrow Wilson, President James Madison, and other past Presidents of the United States, and to provide ways and means of perpetuating our esteem for other distinguished citizens and avoid undue cluttering of the Nations Capital with statues of the near-great and forgotten."

S.J. Res. 139 - Mr. Johnson - To establish a commission to formulate plans for memorials to the past Presidents of the United States.

The members agreed that a monument to all Presidents of the United States would not be as satisfactory as the erection of individual monuments to outstanding and distinguished Presidents in response to general agreement that such monuments should be erected. They pointed out that the plan of Washington offers excellent sites for such monuments and that present plans call for the erection of monuments to Franklin D. Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, James Madison and Woodrow Wilson in the near future. They also felt that a building might be named in memory of an eminent citizen, but that the custom of "useful" monuments should not replace memorials in bronze or stone. EXHIBIT 8

2. S. 2840 - Mr. Beall - To create a Federal Planning Commission to conduct a study of the possible establishment in the District of Columbia of a National Fisheries Center.

The members agreed that they could not report favorably on this proposed legislation. They felt that the duties of a proposed fisheries center would duplicate those of the National Capital Planning Commission and a similar commission would, therefore, seem unnecessary. EXHIBIT 9

3. S.J. Res. 152 - Mr. Williams - Authorizing the creation of a commission to consider and formulate plans for the construction in the District of Columbia of an appropriate permanent memorial to the memory of Woodrow Wilson.

The members recommended that a favorable report be prepared on this proposed legislation. They felt that a memorial to Woodrow Wilson would be a fine addition to the memorials already in existence in the city of Washington and stated that they would be glad to assist the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Commission when it is established. EXHIBIT 10

IV. DISCUSSIONS

1. State Department Furnishings for the Ceremonial Rooms on the Top Floor of the New Building

The Chairman told the members of the Commission that the State Department had not been successful in getting the Congress to appropriate money to buy furnishings for the ceremonial rooms in the new building and

that ways were being explored to get suitable furnishings by other means, by gift if possible. Nancy McCelland, Inc., the decorators, through Miss Nancy Dunn, had submitted a list of objects which were deemed necessary to give the rooms a satisfactory appearance, and Miss Dunn had discussed this matter in a recent visit to Washington. The Chairman had also approached individuals who had been helpful in getting furniture for the White House, but had not been successful in getting a promise of new pieces for the State Department. There seemed to be a reluctance to donate furniture for this purpose, and an even greater reluctance to loan good pieces because of the uncertain care that could be afforded by present methods for up-keep. The members of the Commission had no suggestions to offer in this matter and decided it was a problem the State Department would have to solve.

2. Street Lighting Program

The Secretary showed the Commission the report on a program of street lighting which was being advanced by the District Highway Engineers and noted that public hearings were to be held at the District Building on 8 February 1960. It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Commissioners to be made a part of the record of this hearing and setting forth the views of the Commission of Fine Arts regarding the adoption of the mercury type highway standard for the city. Regret was expressed by the Commission that it was not possible to design a lighting standard especially for the city of Washington. The Chairman's statement to the President of the Board of Commissioners was to be made a part of the record of the proceedings. EXHIBIT 11

3. Cultural Center

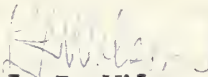
The Chairman reported on recent meetings of the Executive Committee of the Cultural Center Board, and on plans to launch a drive for funds. He said that he had talked to the Committee about the effects which the roadway system would have on the building and how it would isolate it from the city from practically every point. It was agreed that were this fact generally known, it might have a harmful effect on the contributions for this purpose. Some doubt was expressed by the members of the Commission as to whether this site was the proper one for such a center.

4. Press Release on the Effects of the Inner Loop System of Highways on the Plan of the City

As The result of discussions at previous meetings and of conversations during the intervening period, the Chairman showed the members a draft of a press release he had prepared, which explained the position of the Commission of Fine Arts with respect to the complex of roads

projected for the approaches to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, the Lincoln Memorial, the Cultural Center and northward to K Street. Regret was expressed that the Inner Loop, as such, had not been made a matter of discussion with the Commission before it was adopted. It was agreed that the Commission could probably not stop this development, but it was important to make known the Commission's views on the damaging effect the Inner Loop will have on the plan of the city and on the individual monuments wherever it passes. The views of the members were incorporated into the draft press release and the members agreed that the Chairman should release it when the corrections were made.

EXHIBIT 12


L. R. Wilson
Secretary

Meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts
16 February 1960
2:00 P.M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING
2. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 16 March 1960

Executive Session: 15 March 1960

Minutes of 15/16 Dec - Action. Minutes of 19/20 Jan - Distribution.

3. SUBMISSIONS:

2:15 p.m. a. Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, District Engineer

Dalecarlia Reservoir, 5900 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W.
Addition to Filtration Plant and Chemical Building

b. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service:

- (1) Oklahoma City Courthouse - Advice on selection of Sculptor
- (2) Smithsonian Institution, Museum of History and Technology,
Musical Instruments Exhibit Room, advice on selection of
Mural Painter
- (3) National Library of Medicine, Selection of Artists for
Mosaic Panel

4. SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT:

- a. Report of Actions Taken on Shipstead-Luce Act Applications
Since 19 January 1960 (Report dated 16 February 1960 - Appendix 1)
- b. Preliminary Shipstead-Luce Submission - "The Adams House" -
Apartment Building proposed for 1839 Summit Place, N.W.

5. OLD GEORGETOWN ACT:

- a. Report of Actions Taken on Old-Georgetown Act Applications Since
19 January 1960 (Report dated 16 February 1960 - Appendix 2)
- b. Appointment of Members to Board of Architectural Consultants
for the Old Georgetown Act and invitation to meet with the
Commission of Fine Arts

6. NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Land Acquisition-Wheatley School Playground - Confirmation of Chairman's
Approval.

7. LEGISLATION:

- a. H.J.Res. 543 - Mr. Thompson - To establish a commission to formulate plans for a living memorial to President Woodrow Wilson, President James Madison, and other past Presidents of the United States, and to provide ways and means of perpetuating our esteem for other distinguished citizens and avoid undue cluttering of the Nation's Capital with statues of the near-great and forgotten. Rpt Requested - Draft of Rpt
- b. S.J.Res. 139 - Mr. Johnson - To establish a commission to formulate plans for memorials to the past Presidents of the United States (Similar to H.J.Res. 543) Report Requested *
- c. S. 2840 - Mr. Beall - To create a Federal Planning commission of conduct a study of the possible establishment in the District of Columbia of a national fisheries center. Report Requested **
Please see also H.J. Res. 543
- d. S.J. Res. 152 - Mr. Williams - Authorizing the creation of a commission to consider and formulate plans for the construction in the District of Columbia of an appropriate permanent memorial to the memory of Woodrow Wilson. Report Requested **

Yes.

** same letter as on H.J. Res. 543*

*** not drafted*

17 January 1962

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

At their meeting on February 16, the members of the Commission of Fine Arts approved the appointment of two members of the Board of Architectural Consultants for the Commission, which has been inactive since December 1958. Mr. Charles E. Henscher and Mr. Harry Taylor have agreed to resume their previous positions on the Board.

It was also suggested at the meeting that the third member of the Board might possibly be an architect from the Office of the Principal Architect, and the members of the Commission asked me to advise you to leave your name in the proposal, and, if you agree, to advise me of the name of a person who could be asked to serve.

The committee to be derived from such cooperation on the part of the District of Columbia Government and the Commission of Fine Arts are anxious. The presence of an architectural member from the District of Columbia Government will widen the understanding of the responsibilities of each agency and will result in more attractive entries on the Georgetown Building applications.

I hope you will be able to give this matter early attention, so that the regular meetings of the Board may be resumed as soon as possible.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Respectfully,
Charles E. Henscher

Charles E. Henscher
Chairman

Respectfully,
Robert S. McLaughlin
Secretary
Board of Commissioners of the
District of Columbia
Washington, D. C.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 1/19/60

2/16/60

<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2244	5826 Oregon Ave., NW Dr & Mrs Luls Nila	1-story brick & Frame residence	App'd. provided applied wood siding be eliminated with the exception of wood panel to right of front entr., 2/11/60
2245	7201-16th St., NW Dr Allen E. Henkin	Construct 1-story brick addn. to rear of dwelling	App'd., 2/1/60
2246	500 N. H. Ave., NW Waffle Shop	1-story addn. to exist. restaurant	App'd., provided all vents, ducts & air-conditioning appurtenances, incl. condenser coil unit, on roof are completely screened, 2/11/60
2248	636 N. Cap. St., NW Star Grill	1 d-f, 28 sq-ft, illuminated sign, gold & white tubing.	Disapp'd; recom. new sign using opaque back-lighted letters, & located flat against wall. Text should be limited to identification of business only, 2/16/60
2249	1015 D St., NW Sav-Mor Drugs, Inc.	Replace exist. pair wood doors with same size aluminum & plate glass doors.	App'd., 2/11/60
2250	1101 Pa. Ave., NW Nobel & Barrow (Formerly "Evening Star Bldg.")	Alter newspaper plant for Hotel use.	Action not complete, 2/16/60

Exhibit 2

Action not completed 5/15/60

Spec. Spec's
(Formerly, Evans)
Copy to Bureau
1101 W. 10th St.

See Hotel No.
After newspaper, please

5/15/60

Spec. for Spec's, Inc.
1012 D St. N.W.

Same also appearing in Spec's notes.
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REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 1/19/60

2/16/60

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2518	1401 Wisc. Ave., NW Avignone Freres	3-story office bldg. and restaurant	Recom'd. for work in general as seen from public highway, on condition that redesign of the 2 doorways & their relation to facade on Wisc. Ave., as will be discussed with arch., be submitted for action of the CPA before completion of work. 2/9/60
2523	1553-33rd St. Raymond Regan	Remove stairway & relocate same. Add bathrms. New fireplace. New brick area in rear. New brick entr. steps. Area extends beyond bldg. line.	Recom'd., 2/1/60
2524	1411-34th St. Mr & Mrs David Bruce	Add. to exist. residence	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway. Suggest pitched dormer at north end of 34th St. facade, similar to dormer in adjoining exist. facade, be used instead of flat dormer. 2/10/60
2525	3021 N St. Atlantic Crafts- men Co.	New front & interior changes.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, provided muntins in glassed openings are of colonial type, not exceeding 3/4" in width, 2/1/60
2526	3289 N St. E. L. Stohman	Raze 3-story brick bldg.	No arch'l. or historical characteristics are discernible in this bldg. which would preclude issuing a permit to raze it. 2/9/60
2527	3285 N St. E. L. Stohman	Raze 4-story brick bldg.	Same as 2526
2528	R-3311 N St. E. L. Stohman	Raze 1-story garage	Same as 2526

APPENDIX 2

Exhibit 3

APPENDIX 5

3238 F. P. Specimen
Base 1-4201A

Base as 3238

3231 F. P. Specimen
Base 1-4201A

Base as 3238

3230 F. P. Specimen
Base 1-4201A

which would preserve laminae a benefit to have it 3/10/60
no structural or historical characteristics are discernible in this place.

3232 West Co.
Atlantic City
3051 N 8th

3/10/60
discussed openings are of colonial type, not exceeding 3/16" in width,
secondly, for parts visible from a public highway, provided openings in

3234 F. P. Specimen
Base 1-4201A

existing facade, be used instead of the former 3/10/60
new at north end of 34th St. facade, similar to former in adjoining
secondly, for parts visible from a public highway, greatest pitched der-

3233 F. P. Specimen
Base 1-4201A

public time,
which gives in rear, new brick end, steps, area extends beyond
large attached & replace area, and building, new fireplace, new

secondly 3/10/60

3230 F. P. Specimen
Base 1-4201A

and replaced with
3-story office place,
secondly, for work in covered as seen from public highway, on

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NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW YORK CITY ZONING ORDINANCE

3/10/60

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 1/19/60 (Continued)

2/26/60

<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
2529	3060 N St. Gelman's Delicatessen Kosher Market	1 s-f, 20 sq-ft sign, illuminated. Blue plastic ltrs. on white plastic background. To replace exst. sign	Not recom'd; sign not in character with architecture. Text includes more than identification of firm, & method of attachment not clear. Suggest restudy for painted sign using present electric outlets for lighting. Text should be limited to identification of business, & sign should be shaped to harmonize with position above showwindow, & neatly attached. 2/16/60
2530	3245 N St. Georgetown Constr. Co.	New 3-story brick dwelling; 7' sapling fence.	Not recom'd; suggest restudy with respect to the treatment of the front entrance & the window above it. There appears to be too little space between the top of the flat arch & the lintel of the window, where more masonry between these two elements seems desirable. Treatment of the side elevations is also desired because they are visible from the street. 2/16/60
2531	3240 S St. J.W. Warner	Raze 2½-story dwelling	No arch'l. or historical characteristics are discernible in this bldg. which would preclude issuing a permit to raze it. 2/9/60
2532	1537-33rd St. Mr H. Hecht, Jr.	Install 12-light French door from hall area to patio area & enclose 1 frame window.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway. 2/10/60

121-33rd St. to back area & enclosed 1 frame window.

2 double windows, 3/10/60
recomd. for better visibility from

221-33rd St. 1st floor
2nd floor

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Dear Colonel Sumner:

At the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts on February 16, 1960, the members conferred with your representatives, Mr. Voight and Mr. Hayley, concerning revisions in the drawings for the proposed addition to the Filtration Plant and the Chemical Building at the Dalecarlia Reservoir.

These changes were made as a result of the Commission's recommendations at its meeting in January and involved the shortening of the arched arcade, the treatment of the parapet of the large chemical building with a balustrade and the widening of the stair tower on the west facade. The members considered that the changes were successful and they approved the drawings with the suggestion that a band of stone be carried around the top of the stair tower in order to give it a character related to the treatment of the entire group. No further submission of drawings will be required for this latter change.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Colonel George B. Sumner
District Engineer, Corps of Engineers
United States Army
First and Douglas Streets, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

25 February 1960

Dear Mr. Wallace:

At the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts on February 16, the members conferred with Mr. Roland Bayler, regarding the selection of a sculptor for a sculptural relief on the exterior walls of the United States Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

After viewing the photographs of work of four sculptors, J.J. Busch, Bernardi Frazier, Leo Friedlander and Dick Wiken, which had been submitted by the architect, the members of the Commission recommended consideration of Mr. Frazier and Mr. Friedlander, for this work, but they felt that final choice should be made by the architect, Mr. Emerson.

The Commission hopes to see the sketches of the sculpture, preferably in an early stage of development.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Karl E. Wallace
Commissioner
Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Photographs are being returned under separate cover.

EXHIBITS

February 1934

Dear Mr. Wallace:

At the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts on February 16, 1934, the members conferred with Mr. Richard Snider, Director, Architectural and Structural Division, regarding the selection of an artist for the decoration of the Musical Instruments Room, Smithsonian Institution Museum of History and Technology.

The members of the Commission concurred with the choice of Mr. Allyn Cox by the architects, McKim, Mead and White, and by the Smithsonian Institution, after viewing photographs of Mr. Cox's finished work.

We hope to see the sketches for the decoration of this room, preferably in the early stages of design.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David C. Finley,
Chairman

Honorable Earl A. Wallace
Commissioner
Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

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EXHIBIT 6

25 February 1960

Dear Mr. Wallace:

At the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts on February 16, 1960, the members viewed photographs of examples of the work of five artists, David Hollman, Peter Ostuni, Austin Purves, Sam Wiener and Frans Wildenhain, who have been proposed by the architect for the design of a mosaic panel in the new National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland.

After studying the examples, the members recommended consideration of Mr. Ostuni and Mr. Wildenhain for this work, but they felt that final choice should be made by the architects, O'Connor and Kilham.

The Commission hopes to see the sketches of the proposed mosaic panel, preferably in an early stage of development.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Karl E. Wallace
Commissioner
Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

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EXHIBIT 7

86TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. J. RES. 543

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1960

Mr. THOMPSON of New Jersey introduced the following joint resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a commission to formulate plans for a living memorial to President Woodrow Wilson, President James Madison, and other past Presidents of the United States, and to provide ways and means of perpetuating our esteem for other distinguished citizens and avoid undue cluttering of the Nation's Capital with statues of the near-great and forgotten.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That there is hereby established a Commission, to be known
- 4 as the "Presidential Memorial Commission" (hereinafter
- 5 referred to as the "Commission"), for the purpose of con-
- 6 sidering and formulating plans for the design, construction,

1 conversion, and location, in the city of Washington, District
2 of Columbia, or in its immediate environs, of a permanent
3 living memorial, or memorials (including cultural facilities
4 befitting the capital city of a great nation and especially ap-
5 propriate to President Woodrow Wilson and President James
6 Madison who revered the fine arts) to President Woodrow
7 Wilson, President James Madison, and other past Presidents
8 of the United States. The Commission shall be composed of
9 twelve Commissioners appointed as follows: Four persons to
10 be appointed by the President of the United States, four Sen-
11 ators by the President of the Senate, and four Members of
12 the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House
13 of Representatives. The Commissioners shall serve without
14 compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred
15 by them in carrying out the duties of the Commission. The
16 Commission shall report such plans, together with its recom-
17 mendations, to the President and Congress at the earliest
18 practicable date, and in the interim shall make annual re-
19 ports of its progress to the President and Congress.

20 SEC. 2. The Commission is authorized —

21 (a) make such expenditures for personal services
22 and otherwise for the purpose of carrying out the pro-
23 visions of this joint resolution as it may deem advisable
24 from funds appropriated or received as gifts for such
25 purpose;

1 (b) solicit and accept gifts to be used in carrying
2 out the provisions of this joint resolution or to be used
3 in connection with the construction, conversion, or other
4 expenses of such living memorial or memorials;

5 (c) hold hearings, organize contests, enter into
6 contracts for personal services and otherwise, provide
7 ways and means of perpetuating our esteem for other
8 distinguished citizens besides our past Presidents and
9 avoid undue cluttering of the Nation's Capital with
10 statues of the near-great and forgotten, and do such
11 other things as may be necessary to carry out the pro-
12 visions of this joint resolution; and

13 (d) avail itself of the assistance and advice of the
14 Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Plan-
15 ning Commission, the District of Columbia Recreation
16 Board, the National Capital Regional Planning Council,
17 the National Park Service, the Bureau of International
18 Cultural Relations of the Department of State, specialists
19 in other Federal agencies, and such Commissions, Board,
20 Service, Bureau, Council, and specialists shall, upon re-
21 quest, render such assistance and advice.

22 SEC. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated such
23 sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
24 joint resolution.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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By Mr. THOMPSON of New Jersey

JANUARY 6, 1960

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S. J. RES. 139

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 8 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 5), 1959

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas (for Mr. HARTKE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a commission to formulate plans for memorials to the past Presidents of the United States.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there is hereby established a commission, to be known
4 as the "Presidential Memorial Commission" (hereinafter
5 referred to as the "Commission"), for the purpose of con-
6 sidering and formulating plans for the design, construction,
7 and location, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia,
8 or in its immediate environs, of a permanent memorial to
9 past Presidents of the United States. The Commission shall
10 be composed of twelve Commissioners appointed as follows:
11 Four persons to be appointed by the President of the United

1 States, four Senators by the President of the Senate, and
2 four Members of the House of Representatives by the Speaker
3 of the House of Representatives. The Commissioners shall
4 serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for ex-
5 penses incurred by them in carrying out the duties of the
6 Commission. The Commission shall report such plans, to-
7 gether with its recommendations, to the President and Con-
8 gress at the earliest practicable date, and in the interim
9 shall make annual reports of its progress to the President
10 and Congress.

11 SEC. 2. The Commission is authorized to—

12 (a) make such expenditures for personal services
13 and otherwise for the purpose of carrying out the pro-
14 visions of this joint resolution as it may deem advisable
15 from funds appropriated or received as gifts for such
16 purpose;

17 (b) accept gifts to be used in carrying out the pro-
18 visions of this joint resolution or to be used in con-
19 nection with the construction or other expenses of such
20 memorial;

21 (c) hold hearings, organize contests, enter into con-
22 tracts for personal services and otherwise, and do such
23 other things as may be necessary to carry out the provi-
24 sions of this joint resolution; and

25 (d) avail itself of the assistance and advice of the

1 Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Planning
2 Commission, and the National Capital Regional Plan-
3 ning Council, and such Commissions and Council shall,
4 upon request, render such assistance and advice.

5 SEC. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated not more
6 than \$10,000 to carry out the provisions of this joint resolu-
7 tion.

S. J. RES. 139

JOINT RESOLUTION

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By MR. HARTKE

SEPTEMBER 8 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 5), 1959
Read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules
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1 March 1960

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in reply to your request for the views of the Commission of Fine Arts with reference to S. J. Res. 139, "To establish a commission to formulate plans for monuments to the past Presidents of the United States."

The members of the Commission have studied the text of S. J. Res. 139, and unanimously agreed that they could not recommend its enactment into law. They feel that a monument to all Presidents of the United States would not be as satisfactory as the erection of individual monuments to outstanding and distinguished Presidents in response to general agreement that such monuments should be erected.

The plan of the city of Washington offers excellent sites for monuments, which are needed to complete its beauty as was intended by the city planners and designers throughout the city's history. The fact that the United States has neglected to honor some of its outstanding Presidents with a monument in Washington would not justify, in our opinion, the erection of one monument to all Presidents and to other eminent officials and citizens. There are, as you know, plans for the erection of a monument to President Franklin D. Roosevelt; and for a monument on Theodore Roosevelt Island to honor President Theodore Roosevelt; and legislation has been introduced for monuments to be erected in honor of President Woodrow Wilson and President James Madison.

There are, in addition, monuments to President Andrew Jackson and President James Garfield, as well as the great memorials to Presidents Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. It would not seem necessary on every occasion to erect a monument on such a vast scale as these to the three great Presidents last named.

The members of the Commission consider that a building or other public facility might be named in memory of an eminent official or citizen, but experience has proved that such structures outlive their usefulness, and their dedicatory purpose is lost with the materials of their walls. The Commission of Fine Arts hopes that the custom of "useful" monuments will

some progress towards its removal or toward its being placed in some safe and suitable repository in Washington.

The Commission, therefore, respectfully asks Congress to authorize the Government to purchase the materials in question and to have officials well qualified to have the job done properly. The Commission will always be glad to render any service which lies open to the collection of a more and deeper knowledge of the world.

The Bureau of the Census has advised that it has no objection to the collection of this material.

For the Commission of this letter:

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM E. Vining
Chairman

Respectfully,
Chairman
Committee on Rules and Administration
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

S. 2840

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 18, 1960

Mr. BEALL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia

A BILL

To create a Federal planning commission to conduct a study of the possible establishment in the District of Columbia of a national fisheries center.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION

4 SECTION 1. There is hereby established a study com-
5 mission to be known as the "Planning Commission on a
6 National Fisheries Center in the District of Columbia"
7 (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Commission").

8 DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

9 SEC. 2. (a) The Commission shall conduct a full and
10 complete investigation and study of the feasibility of es-

1 tablishing in the District of Columbia a national fisheries cen-
2 ter. Such study and investigation shall include but shall
3 not be limited to consideration of including within such
4 national fisheries center the following types of facilities:

5 (1) wholesale and retail marketing facilities for fish
6 and shellfish (including model facilities of this nature),

7 (2) a fishing pier or piers for the use of fishing boats,

8 (3) sporting goods shops (particularly those specializ-
9 ing in fishing equipment),

10 (4) seafood restaurants (including a model facilities of
11 this nature),

12 (5) marine supply stores,

13 (6) office space and facilities for fishery brokers, com-
14 mission merchants, and commercial and sport fishery or-
15 ganizations,

16 (7) a marina (including docking facilities),

17 (8) a national aquarium with a display of fresh water
18 and salt water specimens of fish and shellfish (including
19 tropical fish),

20 (9) a fisheries' museum,

21 (10) an auditorium, exhibit hall, and meeting rooms,
22 particularly suitable for use by public organizations con-
23 cerned with fishing, and

24 (11) the establishment of pools and similar facilities

1 designed for use in conducting tournaments and sporting
2 events dealing with fishing.

3 (b) In connection with the study and investigation
4 authorized by subsection (a) of this section, the Commis-
5 sion shall—

6 (1) consider a suitable location for the national fish-
7 eries center in the District of Columbia along the banks
8 of the Potomac River;

9 (2) secure such plans and designs, including esti-
10 mates of cost, as it deems advisable;

11 (3) endeavor to formulate a method of financing
12 the maintenance and operation of the national fisheries
13 center on a self-sustaining basis;

14 (4) recommend a method for giving those fish
15 dealers and those seafood restaurant operators (A) who
16 were either formerly tenants in the municipal fish mar-
17 ket of the District of Columbia or engaged in such busi-
18 nesses in the general vicinity of such market, and (B)
19 who by reason of the construction of the Southwest
20 Freeway were displaced from such market or other loca-
21 tion, a priority in leasing facilities in the national fish-
22 eries center similar to those from which they were dis-
23 placed; and

24 (5) recommend the agency or agencies of the mu-

1 municipal government of the District of Columbia, of the
2 Federal Government, or of both, which should be pri-
3 marily responsible for the administration of the facilities
4 within the national fisheries center.

5 POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

6 SEC. 3. (a) The Commission, or any subcommittee or
7 member thereof on authorization of the Commission, may
8 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act,
9 hold such hearings and sit and act at such times and places
10 in the District of Columbia as the Commission or such sub-
11 committee or member deems advisable.

12 (b) The Commission is authorized to avail itself of the
13 assistance and advice of the (1) Commission of Fine Arts,
14 (2) the National Capital Planning Commission, (3) the
15 National Capital Regional Planning Council, (4) the de-
16 partments, agencies and instrumentalities of municipal gov-
17 ernment of the District of Columbia, and (5) the United
18 States Fish and Wildlife Service in the Department of the
19 Interior, and all other departments, agencies and instru-
20 mentalities of the executive branch of the Government of
21 the United States. The Commission is authorized to secure
22 directly from any such commission, council, or department,
23 agency or instrumentality of government, information, sug-
24 gestions, estimates, and statistics for the purpose of this Act,
25 and each such commission, council, department, agency or

1 instrumentality of government is authorized to furnish such
2 information, suggestions, estimates, and statistics directly to
3 the Commission upon request made by the chairman or the
4 vice chairman thereof.

5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

6 SEC. 4. (a) The Commission shall be composed of
7 seven members appointed as follows:

8 (1) Two members to be appointed by the President of
9 the Senate;

10 (2) Two members to be appointed by the Speaker of
11 the House of Representatives; and

12 (3) Three members to be appointed by the President
13 of the United States.

14 (b) The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice
15 chairman from among its members.

16 (c) Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect
17 its powers but shall be filled in the same manner in which
18 the original appointment was made.

19 (d) Four members of the Commission shall constitute
20 a quorum.

21 COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

22 SEC. 5. (a) Any member of the Commission who is
23 also an officer or employee of the municipal government of
24 the District of Columbia or of the executive branch of the

1 Government of the United States shall serve without com-
2 pensation in addition to that received for his services in
3 such government, but he shall be reimbursed for travel,
4 subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by him
5 in the performance of the duties vested in the Commission.

6 (b) Members of the Commission appointed from
7 private life shall each receive \$50 per diem when engaged
8 in the actual performance of duties vested in the Commis-
9 sion, plus reimbursement for travel, subsistence, and other
10 necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of
11 such duties.

12 (c) Service of an individual as a member of the Com-
13 mission or employment of an individual by the Commission
14 as an attorney or expert in any business or professional
15 field, on a part-time or full-time basis, with or without com-
16 pensation, shall not be considered as service or employment
17 bringing such individual within the provisions of section
18 281, 283, 284, 434, or 1914 of title 18 of the United States
19 Code, or section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U.S.C. 99).

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STAFF OF THE COMMISSION

21 SEC. 6. (a) The Commission shall have power to ap-
22 point and fix the compensation of such personnel as it
23 deems advisable, without regard to the provisions of the
24 civil service laws and the Classification Act of 1949, as
25 amended.

(b) The Commission may procure, without regard to the civil service laws and the classification laws, temporary and intermittent services to the same extent as is authorized for the departments by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (60 Stat. 810), but at rates not to exceed \$50 per diem for individuals.

EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION

SEC. 7. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

SEC. 8. (a) There is hereby established an advisory council, which shall consist of five members appointed by the Commission, one of whom shall be representative of the national commercial fishing industry; one representative of the national sport fishing industry; one representative of the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade; one representative of those fish dealers and one representative of those seafood restaurant operators (1) who were either formerly tenants in the municipal fish market of the District of Columbia or engaged in such businesses in the general vicinity of such market, and (2) who by reason of the construction of the Southwest Freeway were displaced from such market or other location.

(b) The functions of the advisory council shall be to advise and counsel the Commission in the development of ways, means, and procedures whereby the purposes of this Act may be most effectively carried out.

(c) Members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation except that each shall be entitled for reimbursement for actual travel and subsistence expenses incurred in attending meetings of the advisory council called by the Chairman of the Commission or incurred in carrying out duties assigned by the Chairman of the Commission.

(d) The advisory council shall meet from time to time upon call of the Chairman of the Commission.

REPORT

SEC. 9. The Commission shall report to the President and to the Congress the results of the study and investigation authorized by this Act not later than one year from the date of enactment of this Act.



